THE SPIRIT'S WORK IN THE CHURCH

VALLEY GRACE BRETHREN CHURCH OF ARMAGH, PA

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH, AD 2022

The LORD'S Day

The Twenty-seventh Day of February, *in the Year of our Lord* 2022

Welcome to the worship services of Valley Grace Brethren Church!

Sunday School—9:30 AM.

As we continue to study the issue of "God & Government," we focus upon a most precious commodity: our freedom to worship God in accordance with the dictates of our Scripture and our conciences!

Morning Worship—10:30 AM.

Call to Worship:* *"Spirit of the Living God"* (#83).

Invocation.*

Hymn: *"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"* (#78).

Prayer for Tithes & Offerings.

Scripture Reading: Acts 13:1-4.

Prayer, Praises, & Testimony.

Hymn: *"He Leadeth Me"* (#410).

Announcemnts.

Hymn: *"Give of Your Best to the Master"* (#501).

Dismissal of Youth for Children's Church.

Greeting One Another.

Message: *"THE SPIRIT'S WORK IN THE CHURCH"*

Closing Hymn:* *"There's a Quiet Understanding"* (#3).

Benediction.*

**The Congregation will please arise, if able.*

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Today's Verses for Reflection:

"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death."—Rev. 2:11 (NASB)

Week of Feb. 20-26
Sunday School—6; Morning Worship—16
Midweek—5; Church Offering: $356.00

Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study—6:30 PM.

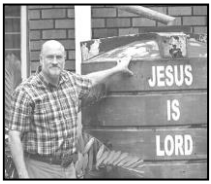
Our studies in the Prophecy of Daniel continue with the account of Nebuchadnezzar's Dream of the Great Tree.

Winter Potluck Today

Everyone is invited to enjoy the fellowship of our potluck meal, immediately after church.

AFRICAN REPORT FROM PASTOR KEITH MERRIMAN (FEB. 23)

Dear beloved brethren,



Greetings in the Lord. Pastor Salomon is back home and safe from his ministry to our churches in the Chad. He will be sending me an updated report. He was able to take the French MacArthur study bibles to our pastors in Chad.

He is leaving tomorrow for an evangelistic outreach in Njdantom/ Sangmelima/Essamane/Ebolowa area as well as an outreach in Mvamedjap (Southern Cameroon). Please pray for health and safety and many to be saved.

God bless, Keith
PS pastor Ngah has recovered from his snake bite.

The Holy Spirit's Work in the Church

Pastor Terry Reese, Valley GBC, 2/27/22

I. The Spirit **created** the church (Acts 2:1-4: 1 Cor. 12:13).

II. The Spirit **indwells** the church.
(1 Cor. 3:16: Eph. 2:21-22: I Peter 2:4-5)

III. The Spirit **presides** over the Church (Acts 15:28).

A. The Spirit presides over the Church through its **Government**…

1. He appoints the **overseers**.Acts 20:28:
2. He distributes **spiritual gifts**.1 Cor. 12:4-11:
3. He calls the church to **listen** to His **voice**: Rev. 2:7, 11, 17, 29; 3:6, 13, 22.

B. The Spirit presides over the Church through its **Preaching** (Acts 4:8-12: I Cor. 2:4: 1 Thess. 1:5).

C. The Spirit presides over the Church through its **Prayer** (Eph. 6:18).

D. The Spirit presides over the Church through its **Song** (Eph. 5:18-19).

IV. The Spirit **unifies** the church: Eph. 4:3.

V. The Spirit **extends** and **completes** the church.

A. He **selects** special workers (e.g., missionaries); Acts 13:2.

B. He **sends** the workers forth - Acts 13:4.

C. He **chooses** fields of service - Acts 16:6-7.

D. He **sustains** them in difficult times—even under persecution - Acts 13:50-52.

E. He guides in the **solution** of both missionary & church problems - Acts 15:28.

SUMMARY: The Holy Spirit was both the Creator and the Director of the Apostolic Church!